

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A packaged beverage, comprising a green tea extract comprising the following ingredients (A) and (B):

(A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins, and

(B) from 0.0001 to 20 wt%, in terms of equivalent glucose amount, and less than 0.05 wt%, in terms of equivalent fructose amount, of a carbohydrate,

wherein:

the beverage has a pH of from 2 to 6; and

the carbohydrate comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, an oligosaccharide or a conjugated polysaccharide

wherein wt.% is based on the total weight of said beverage.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage is a non-tea-based beverage.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, further comprising from 0.001 to 0.5 wt% of sodium ions and from 0.001 to 0.2 wt% of potassium ions.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the pH is from 2 to 5.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, further comprising (C) oxalic acid or a salt thereof, wherein a content weight ratio of (C) the oxalic acid or salt thereof to (A) the non-polymer catechins (A), [(C)/(A)], is not greater than 0.2.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the green tea extract is obtained by adjusting a concentrate of green tea extract, the concentrate comprising from 20 to 90 wt% of non-polymer catechins based on a solid content thereof, such that a content weight ratio of oxalic acid or a salt thereof (C) to the non-polymer catechins (A), [(C)/(A)], becomes not greater than 0.2.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 6, wherein the content weight ratio [(C)/(A)] of the oxalic acid or salt thereof (C) to the non-polymer catechins (A) is not greater than 0.05.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage is in a form permitting ingestion of at least 300 mg of non-polymer catechins per day.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage is provided in a clear container.